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JUSTIFICATION FOR COVERAGE OF TARGETS BY [REDACTED]

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Coverage of the targets opposite [REDACTED] is an operational requirement, not specifically levied by COMOR. We have agreed to obtain the coverage in this area [REDACTED] on a periodic basis, [REDACTED]. Specific targets have been forwarded [REDACTED] to Operations for coverage, and COMOR targets will be covered simultaneously when possible.

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TARGET COVERAGE PLANNED FOR MISSION C216C

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TARGETS:

1. Luchiao Airfield
2. Chang Chiao Airfield
3. Chuhsien Airfield
4. Nanchang Airfield
5. Changshu Airfield
6. Chungan Airfield
7. Huian Airfield

COMOR TARGETS:

Lien Cheng Airfield
Lung Yen Military Activity
(19) 3rd Priority COMOR Targets

DATE OF LAST COVERAGE:

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MISSION DATA

DISTANCE : 1752
TIME : 4+37
DENIED TIME: 3+07
T/O FUEL : 1020 GAL
HI CONE : 160 GAL
ENTRY ALT : 69,000
PROFILE : MAX ALT

BRIEF VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE:

The available intelligence does not reflect a SAM threat to the proposed mission route. ChiCom SAM deployment tactics are such that a SAM could be encountered; defensive electronic systems in the U-2 should prevent a successful intercept by such an unknown SAM site. A known threat to the mission are the MIG-21 aircraft in the South China area; the MIG-21 capability against the U-2 at mission altitude is only marginal. (See MIG-21 Order of Battle on facing map.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Special Activities

SUBJECT: Mission C216C (Route 1045)

1. This is a pre-mission intelligence summary of data pertinent to Mission C216C (Route 1045).

2. This mission will come within range of at least seven and possibly nine MIG-21s. Two MIG-21s are based at each of three airfields within range of the flight path --Wuhu, Liencheng, and Hsingning. In addition, three other MIG-21s are believed based at Lungchi Airfield on the coast. It is expected that the mission will encounter at least three to four defensive reactions from interceptor aircraft.

3. No surface-to-air missile sites are known to be anywhere within lethal range of the flight path. However, the propensity of the Chinese to move their SAM equipment frequently makes it impossible to rule out completely the possibility of an operational SAM site in the area. The most likely locations for operational SAM sites would be near the more important airfields.

4. This mission will cover 23 COMOR targets. None of them are of highest priority, however. The mission will cover

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Chief, Intelligence Division
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COORDINATION MESSAGES

- 25X1A 1. Request for NPIC to search track for SAM
25X1A Sites. (1) [REDACTED] 6972 and [REDACTED] 0032
- 25X1A 2. NPIC's report of the search of latest
photographs available along the mission
route for SAM sites. (2) [REDACTED] 9130
- 25X1A 3. Mission details coordinated with [REDACTED] 0026
- 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] approval of the mission. (4) [REDACTED] 4181
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5. Mission details coordinated with JRC/JCS. (5) OPCEN 0029
- 25X1A 6. Intelligence summary of AOB, ROB, GOB in
the area of the mission. (6) [REDACTED] 0031
7. Mission details coordinated with RTG if
required. (7) N/A
8. RTG approval of the mission if required. (8) N/A
- 25X1A 9. Coordination with Director, NSA. (9) [REDACTED] 0028
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